World's Children 1995 report

5039. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the contents of the World's Children 1995 Report submitted as a contribution to the World Summit for Social Development in Copenhagen;

(b) if so, what are the important facts about India in this report;

(c) whether report has emphasized the need for investing in and protecting the growing minds and bodies of children as an issue integral to economic and social development and what are the details in this regard; and

(d) whether Government have chalked out any comprehensive programme in this regard and if so, what are the details of this programme?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITA RAM KESRI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Relaxation for OBC Candidates

5040. SHRI AAS MOHAMMAD:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to relax the upper age limit by three years for OBC candidates for all services of the civil services examination conducted by SSC and UPSC agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is Government's reaction with regard to giving the same relaxation to the general candidates who have completed the prescribed age limit for appearing in the civil services examination of the country?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITA RAM KESRI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. For the purpose of giving full effect to the provision of reservation of 27 per cent of the vacancies in civil posts and services under the Government of India to OBCs, the Government have relaxed the upper age limit for direct recruitment by three years in respect of OBCs with effect from 25.1.1995.

(c) There is no proposal for extending the facility of age relaxation to general category condidates.

12.00 Noon

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

The Deputy Chairman IN THE CHAIR)

I. Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the National Federation of Urban Co-operative Banks and Credit Socities Ltd. New Delhi and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (199c-94) of the National Co-operative Tobacco Growers' Federation Ltd., Anand and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): Madam, I lay on the Table a copy each each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

I. (a) Annual Report of the National Federation of Urban Co-operative Banks and Cradit Societies Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1993-94.